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San Juan Island  
National Historical Park

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**Superintendent's Compendium**  
Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other  
Restrictions Imposed Under  
Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of San Juan Island National Historical Park. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

**I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:**

Visiting Hours:

- Park grounds are open from dawn to 11:00 p.m. daily.
- American Camp Visitor Contact Station
  - June – August 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Daily
  - September – May 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Thursday – Sunday; closed holidays
- English Camp Visitor Contact Station
  - June – August 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Daily; closed in winter

*No campgrounds are established in the park. Limited staffing controls the hours and days of operation in summer and winter; schedules are set to take advantage of contemporary park visitor use patterns. Lack of adequate lighting and heating preclude opening the English Camp station in winter.*

Public Use Limits:

- Maximum occupancy limits in public buildings in compliance with Washington State fire codes.
  - American Camp Visitor Contact Station – 60 persons
  - English Camp Barracks – 75 persons
- Large groups (over 20 people) participating in picnics, weddings or other activities require a permit. *Groups this size can tax basic park facilities, present public health or safety risks, conflict with other park uses, or cause injury or damage to park resources.*

- Horseback riding parties of any size require a permit.

*Uncontrolled horseback riding can damage sensitive park resources, conflict with other park uses, and jeopardize the safety of the non-riding public. A permit allows the superintendent to orient horseback riders to the resource, indicate designated riding areas, and specify horse use protocols to minimize conflicts with other park users.*

#### Closures:

1. Guss Island is closed in its entirety to public entry.

*Guss Island is a sacred Lummi Indian site.*

2. The lower parking area at 4th of July Beach picnic area is closed to vehicle entry from approximately November 1 through May 15.

*During winter and spring, wet conditions make the grassy parking area surface susceptible to vehicle damage.*

3. That portion of Salmon Banks Road immediately beyond the westernmost established picnic area access road and extending to the top of Alaska Packer's Rock is closed to vehicle entry.

*Closure is to protect fragile archaeological resources.*

4. The tidelands at English Camp between the dinghy dock to the north and park boundary to the south and those surrounding Guss Island are closed to clamming.

*Closure is to protect submerged cultural resources and preserve the historic scene.*

5. Overnight docking is prohibited at the English Camp dinghy dock.

*Closure is to conform to park closing hours and the prohibition on overnight camping.*

6. The park waters at English Camp between the dinghy dock to the north and the park boundary to the south and those surrounding Guss Island are closed to SCUBA diving, snorkeling and boat anchoring.

*Closure is to protect submerged cultural resources, reduce user group conflicts and preserve the historic scene.*

7. The hike/bike path extending from the American Camp visitor center parking area to the redoubt parking area is closed to all vehicular traffic except maintenance, special needs and emergency services vehicles.

*Closure is to protect the pedestrian public and preserve the historic scene.*

8. First Lagoon, Jakle's Lagoon, and Third Lagoon are closed to all water-based recreational activities, to include fishing, swimming, SCUBA diving and snorkeling, and boating.

*Closure is for purposes of resource protection and human safety.*

9. Areas in the immediate vicinity of historic structures or features are closed to picnicking.

*Closure is to preserve the historic scene.*

10. All motor vehicle-width service roads in English Camp and in the Jakle's Lagoon/Mt. Finlayson area are closed to bicycle use.

*Closure is to prevent resource damage and avoid conflicts with the pedestrian public that are frequent users of the roads.*

**(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:**

1. Driftwood at South Beach and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Beach may be collected for use as fuel for campfires in those areas of the park.

*Winter storms bring large quantities of driftwood onto park beaches. Park management permits the collection of driftwood for campfires. The wood can only be gathered from and burned at South Beach and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Beach—the park's designated public campfire areas.*

2. Kite flying or radio-controlled airplane flying is only permitted on the prairie margins east of Pickett's Lane and south of Cattle Point Road.

*Restrictions are to protect park resources, reduce user conflicts and protect the historic scene.*

3. Boat docking at the English Camp dinghy dock is limited to vessels less than 20 feet in length. *Small length and lightweight construction of dinghy dock does not allow it to accommodate large boats. The dock is situated in shallow tidal waters where large vessel activities could disturb bottom sediments and expose or damage submerged cultural resources.*

4. Low impact recreation activities, excluding group or team sports, are allowed in the following areas: English Camp, the north end of the parade ground; American Camp, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Beach and South Beach. Absent an authorizing permit from the superintendent, no holes may be dug or caused to be dug in the ground to support any supplies or equipment, including but not limited to, stakes or wickets for games such as croquet, badminton, or volleyball. No beer kegs are allowed in association with public use activities, unless authorized in an approved special use permit.

*Restrictions are to protect park resources, reduce user conflicts and protect the historic scene.*

5. The launching of small non-motorized vessels/kayaks in Garrison Bay by other than commercial groups is allowed in the area near the dinghy dock prior to start of Bell Point Trail. In weather or life safety emergencies, commercial kayaking groups may take out at the park. Kayaks and gear may not be stored in the park at any time.

*Restrictions are to protect park resources, reduce user conflicts and protect the historic scene.*

6. Passenger buses are subject to the following conditions/restrictions on all park roads within San Juan Island NHP:

- Buses must shut down their engines when not underway.
- San Juan Island shuttle bus vehicles are exempt when in-service.

*The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park. Due to the nature of the service provided by the shuttle buses, they are excluded from the requirement.*

7. Horseback Riding Areas:

- Please refer to §2.16 for a description of designated horseback riding areas and horse use conditions

## **II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

**(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:**

Permit information and application requests should be directed to the park special uses coordinator, 360-378-2902, or by writing the superintendent at San Juan Island National Historical Park, P.O. Box 429, Friday Harbor, WA 98250.

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
  - Horseback riding

A free, park-issued annual Horse Use Permit with accompanying map showing designated riding areas is required to ride horses in American Camp.

- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)

All research activities in the park must be initially approved by the superintendent and be subsequently conducted under the conditions of a National Park Service Scientific Research and Collecting Permit issued by the superintendent in conjunction with the park research coordinator. For those activities that will generate collections for display or research, permit concurrence will also be obtained from the San Juan Island NHP curator of record at North Cascades National Park. Prospective researchers may contact the park research coordinator/chief ranger at 360-378-2240. Research permit applications, instructions and related information are available at the National Park Service Research Permit and Reporting System web site: <http://science.nature.nps.gov/research>. On-line applicants should select "San Juan Island National Historical Park (SAJH)."

- §2.12 Audio Disturbances
  - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
  - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
  - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery
  - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
  - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71, Recreation Fees):
  - Large group (over 20 people) picnics, parties, reunions, etc.
  - Weddings
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives
  - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
  - (b) Use or possess fireworks

- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony (e.g., wedding or other), and similar events

- §2.51 (a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views

Locations for public assemblies have been established for American Camp—the yard immediately east of the visitor contact station, and for English Camp—the picnic grounds in the main parking area. Interested parties should initially contact the superintendent's office for permit information, conditions of site availability, and a map of the public assembly areas.

- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization
  - (a) Erection of monuments (requires approval from Regional Director)
  - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
- §3.3 Use of a vessel
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §5.1 Advertisements - (display, posting or distribution.)
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming
  - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
  - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available.)

### **III. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### **36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

(a)(4) Driftwood may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- South Beach
- 4th of July Beach

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

- Blackberries – up to one quart
- Fruit from orchards, excluding Hoffmeister Orchard – up to one pound
- Unoccupied seashells – up to one quart
- Mushrooms – up to one quart

*Exotic Himalayan blackberry bushes are scattered throughout the park and provide more fruit than the public can harvest on a yearly basis. Berry collection does not impact native plants or other park resources. Park fruit trees, other than those in the historic Hoffmeister Orchard, are not period resources and, consequently, are not actively managed for preservation. Harvesting the fruit does not impact other park resources. Park beaches are not productive insofar as seashells are concerned; those shells that do wash ashore are usually broken and uniformly unremarkable, and their collection will not impact natural populations. Current park mushroom harvesting levels are low; until further determination is made, mushroom gathering is allowed.*

#### **36 CFR §2.2 – WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife at night with the use of an artificial light:

- All areas of San Juan Island National Historical Park

#### **36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING**

Certain areas have been closed to fishing and are listed in section 1.5(a)(1) "Closures."

#### **36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS AND NETS**

##### **36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

Certain areas have been closed to picnicking and are listed in section 1.5(a)(1) "Closures."

##### Conditions for Picnicking:

· *When a large group/family (over 20 people) requests to have a picnic in San Juan Island NHP, a permit is required and may be issued subject to the following conditions:*

1. The immediate area used for the picnic will remain open to the public and will not be closed off.
2. Park buildings will not be available to house the picnic or any other preparations in case of inclement weather. Tent canopies are only allowed at American Camp's 4<sup>th</sup> of July and South beaches.
3. If any vehicles are to be used, they will be restricted to existing roads and parking areas. Carpooling is requested to reduce congestion in parking areas.

4. Any materials or supplies (e.g., cookware, tables, chairs) brought in for the picnic will be removed from the park afterwards. No materials or supplies may be affixed to any natural feature or historic resource. No holes may be dug or caused to be dug in the ground to support any supplies or equipment, including but not limited to, stakes or wickets for games such as croquet, badminton, or volleyball.
5. At the conclusion of the picnic, the area will be policed and all trash collected and removed from the park.
6. No public address or other voice-enhancing systems will be operated; no music amplification equipment is permitted.
7. All pets must be leashed.
8. If a countywide burn ban is in effect at the time of the activity, open fires are not permitted. Generally gas (propane) cooking is still allowed at 4<sup>th</sup> of July Beach, but this too may be prohibited if fire conditions are too severe.
9. A park ranger will monitor the picnic to protect park resources and resource values and has the authority to modify permit conditions or revoke the permit entirely to avoid jeopardizing these resources and values.

### **36 CFR §2.13 – FIRES**

**(a) (1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:**

#### **Designated Areas/Receptacles Allowed:**

- 4th of July Beach Area – only on the beach five feet below the driftwood line.
- South Beach Area – only in designated fire pits.
- Non-public camping areas approved for park work crews and cooperators; historical encampments – only in fire pans with fire extinguishing equipment immediately at hand.

#### **Established Conditions for Fires:**

- Restrictions on fires and smoking in the park during periods of high fire danger may be greater than but never less than those established by San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 3.

**(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:**

- Fires will be properly extinguished upon departure and before the established park closing time. No new fires may be ignited within one half-hour of closing.

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(3) Pets may be left unattended and tied to an object in the following areas, under the conditions noted:**

- Momentarily in parking areas, when owners or handlers are exiting a vehicle in preparation for a walk or participation in other park activity where pets have been authorized.

**(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:**

- By removal from the park or deposit in park-provided pet waste receptacles.

**(c) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:**

- Residents are to comply with all park regulations concerning pet use
- Pets will be kept under proper control at all times
- Pets are not kept at or allowed into park work areas, except designated service animals

### **36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS**

**(b) The use of horses is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:**

- American Camp – all maintained roads and the hike/bike path
- American Camp – the area bounded by Cattle Point Road to the north, Pickett's Lane to the west, South Beach to the south, and park boundary to the east
- American Camp – the area bounded by the park boundary to the north, Cattle Point Road to the west, the park entrance road and hike/bike path to the south, and Griffin Bay and the Jakle's Lagoon parking area to the east, excluding the visitor center and adjacent grounds, historic encampment area, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Beach picnic area and beach.
- English Camp – the short section of existing trail cutting across the southeast corner of the unit connecting Roche Harbor-owned lands and the Washington Department of Natural Resources' Mitchell Hill property.

**(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses:**

- A valid Horse Use Permit must be carried at all times when riding in the park and be presented for inspection at the request of a park ranger.
- Riders and horses are to stay out of the mowed areas around the historic buildings and the redoubt.
- Trails may be crossed but will not be used as riding trails.
- Horses will everywhere be ridden at a walking pace.
- All loading, unloading and parking of horse trailers will be done at the designated horse trailer parking lots located on the spur road north of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Beach picnic area and at South Beach when sufficient parking space is available. Permittee will keep the trailer area clean, to include the removal of manure.

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

**(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:**

- Smoking is prohibited in all park buildings

*Prohibition on smoking is to protect park resources, reduce risk of fire, and prevent conflicts among visitor use activities.*

### **CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

**(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events, or specialized recreation uses:**

Special Recreation Permit Fee (such as, but not limited to, group activities, recreation events, and the use of motorized recreation vehicles):

The following activities require a recreation or special use permit (Form 10-114):

- Weddings
- Parties, picnics, reunions (groups over 20 people)



### **36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

**(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:**

- Redoubt Road – 25 mph
- Road to horse trailer parking area at 4<sup>th</sup> of July Beach – 10 mph
- English Camp service road – 10 mph

### **4.30 – BICYCLES**

**(a) Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in section 1.5 of this document.**

**The following additional routes, in developed areas or special use zones, have been designated for bicycle use:**

- The hike/bike path between the American Camp Visitor Center parking lot and the redoubt road turnaround.

*The hike/bike path is a section of the former Cattle Point Road passing through the historical encampment area that has been closed to vehicle traffic for reasons of visitor safety and intrusiveness on the historic scene. Management has allowed recreational bicycling along the former roadway because current use levels are low, the activity is judged not to be resource damaging or intrusive, and the wide path safely accommodates both bicyclists and the walking public.*